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SUBJ: YAGODKIN REMOVED AS MOSCOW IDEOLOGICAL SECRETARY

REF: MOSCOW 1658

1. SUMMARY. V.N. YAGODKIN WAS NOT REELECTED AS A MOSCOW GORKOM SECRETARY. A SOVIET SOURCE CLAIMS TO KNOW THAT YAGODKIN WAS OUSTED BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR DETENTE. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS ACCOUNTS MAKE CLEAR THAT THE MOSCOW CITY PARTY CONFERENCE DID NOT REELECT YAGODKIN AS A GORKOM SECRETARY. WE HAVE SEEN NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS NEW POSITION.

3. THE ONLY NEW GORKOM SECRETARY NAMED WAS V. N. MAKEYEV, WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CITY'S BAUMANSKIY RAYON PARTY ORGANIZATION. WE DO NOT KNOW IF MAKEYEV HAS TAKEN OVER YAGODKIN'S IDEOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

4. A WELL-INFORMED UNOFFICIAL ARTIST TOLD US HE DID NOT THINK YAGODKIN'S DEPARTURE MEANT A SOFTER LINE TOWARD UNAUTHORIZED ARTISTIC EFFORTS. OUR SOURCE INDEED REPORTED NEW EFFORTS BY MOSCOW AUTHORITIES TO ISOLATE THE LEADERS OF THE UNOFFICIAL ARTISTS AND PRESSURE THEM TO
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LEAVE THE USSR.

5. ON FEBRUARY 10 A WELL-CONNECTED SOVIET ACADEMIC SOURCE TOLD US HE KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO YAGODKIN: HIS RELATIVE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR DETENTE HAD DONE HIM IN. IT WOULD NOT BE TRUE TO SAY THAT YAGODKIN WAS AGAINST DETENTE, ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, BUT IT WOULD BE TRUE TO SAY HE WAS NOT FOR IT (ASKED WHETHER "POSITIVE LOYALTY" TO DETENTE WAS SO IMPORTANT, SOURCE SAID THAT IN THIS PRE-CONGRESS PERIOD, IT WAS).
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